



ATU Sport
Galway



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1. Club Constitution

ATU GALWAY OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB

1. Name

The club will be called *ATU Galway Olympic weightlifting* and will be affiliated to ***Weightlifting Ireland***

2. Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To promote the club within ATU Galway and in the Sport of Weightlifting
- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in the Sport of Weightlifting.
- To manage and respect the facilities during club hours in a voluntary capacity.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club.
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.
- To respect, abide by and apply the principles and regulations of the association
- Adopt and implement the Weightlifting Ireland's Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children.

3. Membership

To ensure all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

Membership should consist of officers and members of the club.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the club has adopted.

4. Officers of the club

The officers of the club will be:

- ✓ Chair
- ✓ Secretary
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Head Coach (Minimum Level 1, full Coach License)
- ✓ Safety Officer
- ✓ Club Children's Officer*
- ✓ Anti-Doping Officer
- ✓ Designated Liaison Officer

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re-appointment.

**Only needed if there are Youth Athletes/U18s in the club*

5. Committee

The club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of:

Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Designated Liaison Officer and Head Coach. Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee.

- The Management Committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the club and held no less than 4 times per year.
- The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be: 4
- The Management Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the club, which must reflect the principles and standards of Weightlifting Ireland.
- The Management Committee will have powers to appoint subcommittees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

7. Finance

- All club monies will be banked in the ATU Galway Students Union account under Weightlifting.
- The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.
- The financial year of the club will end on: *29th April 2023*

8. Annual General Meetings

- Notice of Annual General Meetings (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days notice to be given to all members.
- The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Management Committee and a statement of the audited accounts.
- Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.
- Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.
- All members have the right to vote at the AGM.
- The quorum for AGMs will be 25% of the total membership
- The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

9. Discipline and appeals

- All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to the ATU Galway Sports Development Officer swiftly and appropriately in accordance with ATU's child protection policy and procedures. The Club Children's Officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any child protection concerns.
- All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary as well as the ATU Galway Sports Development Officer.
- The ATU disciplinary committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership to the club.
- All members must agree to the ATU student code of conduct

10. Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of the Atlantic technological university students union. The club must ensure that any and all equipment not belonging to the club is returned before any dissolution is commenced.

11. Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

12. Declaration

ATU galway olympic weightlifting club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Signed: _____

Date:

Name:

Position: Club Chair

Signed: _____

Date:

Name:

Position: Club Secretary